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1. Major Gustav Schram (Sram), who was murdered in late May, 1948, was born in Liberec, (Reichenberg) on 2 March 1907. He was a Sudeten German. During the period of the first Czechoslovak Republic he was assigned a very important function in the Czechoslovak Communist Party, that of Secretary of the Komsomol. In this position he was charged with the education of the Communist youth. After the occupation of Sudetenland (and, subsequently, of the whole Czechoslovak territory) Schram was instructed to remain at his post in order to organize the Communist underground. His main task was to counteract the spread of Nazism among the young members of the then outlawed Communist Party. He was not at all successful. A few months after the German occupation, Schram decided that his work was too dangerous, since many of his former comrades who had by then embraced Nazism knew about his activity, and some of them even threatened to report him to the Gestapo. Therefore, in 1939 he left for Moscow.
2. When the Czech Communist leaders found out that Schram had deserted his post and the job assigned to him, they expelled him from the Party. For illegal entry into Russia he was sent to a kolkhoz to work as a laborer and later worked as a mechanic in Stalingrad.
3. In 1944 a school for parachutists to be dropped in Czechoslovakia was set up in Kiev. Schram was brought to this school and underwent a period of training. But when he was to depart with the rest of the graduates on a mission to Czechoslovakia, he succeeded in persuading Comrade Slansky that he (Schram) could serve the cause better by being assigned to the paratroop school as instructor. His speciality was morale building and political education.
4. When the paratroopers, who had been dropped in Slovakia and had later led the Slovak uprising, returned to the Partisan Headquarters of the First Ukrainian Front (towards the end of 1944), they were surprised to find Schram a colonel. He had been a private at the time of their departure. From the end of the war until his assassination he was a major.

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5. From 11 June to 13 June 1947 meetings of the inner circle of leaders of the Czech Communist Partisans took place at the Communist Party headquarters in Praha. On 12 June there was a committee meeting of the SCP (Association of Czech Partisans). All these meetings were presided over by Major Schram. The matters discussed were the Czechoslovak Partisan Congress scheduled for the 5 and 6 July 1947 in Bratislava and the overall political situation in Slovakia. In connection with the latter matter, some leading Slovak partisan members of the Communist Party were criticized for having been too lax during the pre-election campaign.

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